VILLAGE COMMUNE IS HOPE OF THE RUSSIANS

Czar's Subjects Believe It Can Cure Every Political Ill They Can Have.

It Regulates Tilling of Soil, Family Affairs and Is Responsible for Taxes.

"There is an institution in Russiasolely a product of its civilization and peculiar to its people-which the Russians feel can never fail their country in its hours of necessity, and from which they expect many blessings distinguishing theirs beyond other states in the years of coming development," begins a bulletin just prepared by the National Geographic Society. "This institution is the mir, the Russian village, the peasant commune upon which the power of the empire is builded. In autocratic Russia, the land with something suited to every temper, the village commune forms an excellent representation of self-government

of the most extreme democratic type.
"The Aussophil claims that his country's rural commune presents a practical solu-tion of every difficult social problem which tion of every difficult social problem which confronts the statesman and economist of the west. It is to be made the fountain head of such a high quality of social justice in Russia as the rest of the world has never dared to seek. In short, the mir guarantees to the enthusiastic Moscovite the greatness of the future of his fatherland.

Strong Local Government.

"While few in the western nations agree with the Russians concerning the latter's estimate of the blessings of their village organization, the Mir is, nevertheless, of unusual interest to students of things Russian. Within its organization are included almost five sixths of the Russian people, and these greatest surviving stronghold of au-

ily. While its ties are not so fast, they are much closer than in community organizations elsewhere. The Russian formed by the proper village officer munism. The lands which the individual members till are owned and parceled out by the village; the grazing lands have common property likewise, and the village community is responsible for the village assembles meet in the open air. All heads of families are

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the taxes of its members. This village responsibility gives it a strong interest in the conduct of its members'

individual affairs. Redistribution of Land.

"The land is redistributed periodically BERLIN, November 13, via London, mong the members of the community, and this forms their most important In the western theater: There is noth five-sixths are locally governed ac-cording to more advanced principles of political endeavor. While utterly demequality and equal opportunity than ocratic, there is no election excitement in the eastern theater: The situation among them, as no one wants to be is unchanged. Local Russian attacks ld. And this is found in the world's atest surviving stronghold of autacts surviving stronghold of autacts. The Russian village bears a strong pay. On the other hand, they entail mublance to the patriarchal family while its ties are not so fast, they

heartfelt thanks for the new privilege conferred.

"The village assembles meet in the open air. All heads of families are competent to join in discussions and to vote. Oratory is not tolerated. Honorable members are addressed by simple unaffected 'blockhead.' The village elder presides in a way, his task being to take sense of 'the orthodox' and occasionally to tell members to hold their tongues. Where a family in the village is represented by a woman, she has the right of taking part in the assemblies and of voting. In a way woman suffrage is of long standing in Russia, despite the male Russian's none too flattering judgment of his women—'the hair is long and the mind is short.'

Controls Family Affairs.

"The assembly distributes the land fixes the mowing time; decides when plowing may be undertaken, and in-terferes, when it thinks wholesome, in the family affairs of its members There are innumerable methods by which the land is redistributed. The most simple one is that by which land is parceled out according to the imperial government's list of 'revision souls.' Another method of distributing land is in accordance with the working strength of families. The relistribution may not take place more

often than once in twelve years. "The community is law unto each f its members, and the peasant never thinks of disputing what the assembly of his village brethren has determined. In the assembly he has every oppor-tunity to talk as long and as loud and as violently as any other member; and in the open air meetings of these Russian parliaments all members talk at once and all the time. There is modesty and silence, reserve and dignity alone to be noticed in such village meetings when the time for election of village officers is come, and each member of the village is employing all of the energy the subjety and free. of the energy, the subtlety, and 'per-sonal appeal' to avoid being elected to anything that is employed in America to win public office."

IN THE SEA OF MARMORA

Admiralty Admits Craft Probably Has Been Sunk by the Turks.

LONDON, November 13 .- An official statement given out today by the admiralty announces that the British submarine E-20 has been sunk by the Turks n the Sea of Marmora. The statement

says:

"Submarine E-20, which was on detached service in the Sea of Marmora, has not been communicated with since October 30, and it is feared she has been sunk. The enemy has announced that three of her officers and six men of the crew have been taken prisoner."

SUBMARINES DESTROY

Two British and One Italian Vessel Are Sent to the Bottom.

LONDON, November 13 .- The sinking of three more steamers, two British and one Italian, by enemy submarines, is reported today.

The British steamer Den of Crombie has been sunk. The crew was saved. She was a vessel of 4,919 tons gross. The Italian steamer Firenze, 3,973 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine. Twenty-seven passengers and ninety-six members of the crew were saved. Six passengers and fifteen of the crew are missing.

the crew are missing.

The Firenze was last reported to have sailed from Genoa October 12 to Alexandria. The steamer was owned by the Societa Nazionale Di Serviza and her port of registry was Genoa. She was 244 feet long, with a beam of 44 feet, and was built at Stezia in 1912.

The British steemship Sir Richard Awdry, of 2,234 tons gross, has been sunk.

sunk.
The vessel was 275 feet long, 44 feet beam and 19 feet deep. She was built at Port Glasgow in 1912, and owned by the Peking syndicate, limited, of Lon-

Henry J. Farber, member of the firm of H. J. Farber & Co., Baltimore, died at his home in that city. He was born at Beaumont, the family estate, at Catonsville, Md., July 17, 1860.

WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

ing to report. is unchanged. Local Russian attacks were repulsed.

were repuised.

In the Balkan theater: The pursuit in the mountains is making good progress. The heights of the passes of Jastrebac, a mountain group southeast of Krusevac, have been taken by our troops. More than 1,100 Serbians fell into our hands and one cannon was captured.

ITALIAN STATEMENT. ROME, November 12, via Paris, No-

Bold raids by our detachments are re ported at the confluence of the Ca-meri and the Adige, where we destroyed the railroad bridge between Morl and Seghe, in the upper Calamento valley, at the Brento and Cismon torrents. In the upper Cordevole our offensive

continues normally.

continues normally.

On the middle Isonzo we were heavily engaged yesterday in the Plava zone and on the heights northwest of Gorizia. On Monte Cal Vario, the most southern of these heights, the enemy's attacks, which reached to within a few yards of our trenches, were repulsed by a murderous fire. Our troops then delivered counter attacks, and, pressing the flying enemy, stormed the trenches, taking seventy prisoners, four of whom were officers, the sole survivors of a company annihilated by our fire.

On the Carso plateau the fighting lasted all day with the greatest vigor. We conquered an enemy redoubt between the Cappucio wood and San Mertin dal Carso and mede lasted all day with the greatest vigor. We conquered an enemy redoubt between the Cappucio wood and San Martino del Carso and made some little progress elsewhere.

The reports of the different commanders agree in emphasizing the bravery and the splendid, unselfish spirit of which our troops have given proof in every circumstance of this fierce struggle.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT. PETROGRAD, November 12, via London, November 13:

In the region of Shlok our troops have advanced to the west of Raggatz, captured Kammern and Anting. The were thrown back to the west. We captured some prisoners and machine guns

Pierce fighting near the Borsemuende farm, in the district of Ixkull, continued. We repulsed in the course of the day ten flerce German attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Heaps of German bodies are lying in

Heaps of German hodies are lying in front of our trenches.

In the fight today on the Riga front young Lithuanian troops fought side by side with our troops under extremely difficult conditions. They acquitted themselves splendidly.

In the region of Dvinsk, near the villages of Pristane and Illukst, we made a little progress.

Near the village of Kostioukhovka, west of Rafalowka, fierce fighting continues. We took about 270 prisoners.

On the Caucasus front, in the region of Tortun, there were encounters between advance guards. West and south of the shores of Lake Urumiah, near the villages of Karazeva, Bengher, Schaitanova and Schahtepe, our troops had encounters with bands of Kurds, who everywhere were driven off to the south.

SERBIAN STATEMENT. PARIS, November 13:

The Serbian legation in Paris makes public the following official commu nication from Nish, dated November

The Serbian troops have occupied, in fine Serbian troops have occupied, in good order, defenses to the south and east of Kralievo and east of Ivagnitza, and also east of the left bank of the Morava river and southward, where there was desperate fighting throughout the day of the 10th. Engagements continue east of Gnilan, upon the River Leskovitza, upon the Dinatchka and at Katchanik.

Enemy monitors attempting to bom-bard the coast of the Gulf of Saros In

advanced to the west of Raggatz, fighting all the time. After eleven days of almost uninterrupted fighting in the marsh region our troops

An enemy torpedo boat which ran ashore in the Guif of Saros has now been completely sunk.

Near Ari Burnu and Kanlisfey we de-

stroyed enemy bomb mortar posi-tions. Near Seddul-Bahr our artillery inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT. Germans, who suffered heavy losses, VIENNA, November 12, via London

November 13: Russian theater: Near Sapanoff several Russian night attacks were re-

pulsed Italian theater: There was a violent Italian infantry fire on the whole front yesterday. Subsequently the

crossing of the Morava river was forced. German troops have stormed and captured Bogutovac and the heights an both sides of that place.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, November 13:

Outside of some artillery engagements in the Artois district and in Champagne at a point to the south of St. Souplet there was reported last night lively fighting with hand grenades in the region of Chaulmes, as well as to the south of Somme-Py and in the vicinity of the Butte de Souain Souain, ast night's French official statement

reads: rtillery battles of unusual violence were reported during the day in Belgium, in the region of Bus, in the Artois district; in the sector of Fosse Caleonne, to the north of the Somme; near Dompierre, between the Meuse and the Moselle, and in the redoubt of Apremont. There were no infantry actions

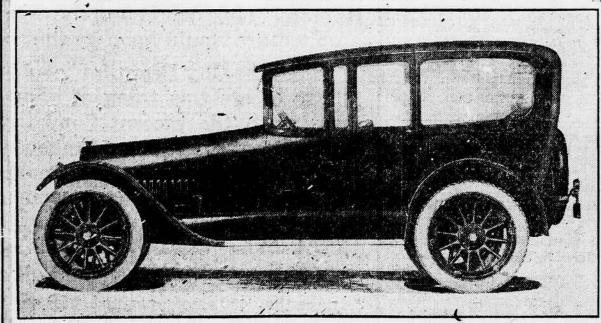
of Apremont. There were no infantry actions.

Army of the east: From the 6th to the 10th of November there were many reconnoissances without any serious engagements. During the day of November 10 the Bulgarians subjected the railroad station at Krivolak to a violent bombardment.

Enemy monitors attempting to bombard the coast of the Gulf of Saros were silenced by our artillery and forced to depart.

At Anafarta, Seddul-Bahr and Remikliman our artillery likewise forced the enemy vessels to retreat.

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ENTIRE BULGARIAN FORCE IS MENACED

Paris Distrusts Greece and Acts of Skouloudis Are Being Questioned

PARIS, November 13 .- The papers of Paris are today more outspoken than they have been in the past in their distrust of Greece. Although the recent lissolution of the Greek parliament was expected, it created, none the less, a bad impression among French observers, who this morning are declaring that the fact that King Constantine tore up the Greek constitution rather than join the allies cannot be explained

The Matin insists that no economic or financial aid be given the Skouloudis government until more ample knowledge of the actual situation be ob-

Premier Skouloudis again vesterday nstructed M. Romanos, the Greek minister here, to assure Premier Briand minister here, to assure Premier Briand that "France can rely on the traditional friendship of Greece." On the other hand, the paper continues, M. Dragoumis, the Greek minister of finance, is reported to have said that if Serbian troops are driven into Greek territory they will be disarmed.

Must Choose, He Says.

Gabriel Hanotaux, in the Figaro grees with the point of view that reece must choose one side or the other; then the allies will know exactly where they stand. They must not wait, as in the case of Bulgaria, for more dangerous developments. Denvs Cochin, member of the French cabinet, without portfolio, has gone to Greece front yesterday. Subsequently the enemy again attacked our bridgehead at Gorizia and on the plateau of Doberdo, but was repeatedly repulsed, with heavy losses. Advancing movements near Sapra and in the Vrzh region met a similar fate.

On the Dolomites front and also on Col di Lana Italian attacks were frustrated. Serbian theater: On the entire front a crossing of the Morava river was forced. German troops have stormed and captured Bogutovac and the to endeavor to get the real truth of the

Greece will at last be filling the proper role of great powers. Frank B. Ketchum are the organizer

Greece and Bulgaria **Believed in Agreement**

ROME, via Paris, November 13 .-- The Albanian question is becoming more acute hourly, the belief being expressed agreement exists between Bulgaria and Greece concerning Serbia, Macedonia and Albania. According to this rethe northern part to Bulgar'a, the latter country thus realizing its traditional dream of being bathed by three seas-the Black sea, the Aegean and

the Adriatic. The conviction is held by many that Italy must participate in the Balkan contest in order to safeguard her most vital interests represented by the supremacy of the Adriatic and the pos-session of Avlona. The question now to be settled is that of adequate military and political means to protect interests in such manner as to be sure of success, and also to avoid delay which might render action too late.

PLANNING NATIONAL BODY.

ported agreement the southern part encampment and a band composed of of Albania would go to Greece and members only. are other features proposed.

Proposed Military Organization of Former Cadets of High Schools. Plans for a national organization o

Cadet Regiment, are being made here The object of the proposed body is in line with the policy of "preparedness." Staley M. Clark, Michael Heilig and

and those who desire to join are asked to send their names and addresses at once to Mr. Clark, the Newton, 6th and E streets northeast. A meeting is soon on Division of Albania to be held, at which time officers will be elected. A number of officials of the public chools have indorsed the idea as preactic hourly, the belief being expressed sented in a general way. As proposed in diplomatic quarters that a secret it is intended to have lectures by an agreement exists between Enlyggia and

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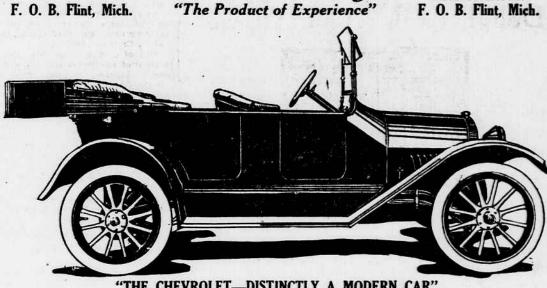
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